

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**

**AGENDA ITEM: 4 – E (2)**

**DATE: March 30 – April 1, 2016**

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**SUBJECT: Articulation Agreements – USD**

Board of Regents [Policy 2:27 Program to Program Articulation Agreements](#) establishes requirements for institutions seeking to develop program level agreements for interested transfer students. The policy further establishes the distinction between AA, AS, and AAS degrees which are classified as transferable, terminal, or non-transferable degrees (respectively). However, the AS is “transferable when a specific degree articulation agreement exists between a given A.S. degree and a specific Baccalaureate degree.” Agreements established with regionally accredited institutions must be developed in conjunction with the faculty, following all institutional guidelines and are monitored as a function of the institutional program review process. Once approved, the agreements apply only at Regental institutions with equivalent programs. To comply with BOR Policy 2:27, the University of South Dakota requests approval for the following articulation agreements:

- Students completing the Practical Nursing Program at Lake Area Technical Institute can apply credit toward the Associate of Science in Nursing at USD (Attachment I).
- Students completing the Associate of Applied Sciences Nursing Program at Southeast Technical Institute can apply credit toward the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN Track) at USD (Attachment II).

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

I move to approve the articulation agreements between the University of South Dakota and Lake Area Technical Institute; and Southeast Technical Institute.

**PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)  
And  
LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (LATI)

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Agreement with Respect to Applying the  
**PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM at LATI**  
Towards the  
**DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**  
**Associate of Science (AS) Nursing Degree Program at USD**

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**I. Parties**

The parties to this agreement are the University of South Dakota (USD) and Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI).

**II. Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to:

- A. have a signed articulation agreement that addresses the varying needs of students and complementary nature of the institutions' programs;
- B. provide increased educational opportunities for students from South Dakota and the region;
- C. extend and clarify educational opportunities for students;
- D. provide LATI students who have completed the program in Practical Nursing an opportunity to earn an Associate of Science degree with a major in Nursing.

**III. Academic Program**

**Graduation Requirements for the AS in Nursing at USD**

Nursing (AS)	35
General Education Credits:	30
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Total credits required:	65

- A. Requirements to be completed at USD **beginning fall 2015** for the AS in Nursing are outlined immediately below:

**Nursing (AS) Requirements**

<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NURS	202	LPN to RN Role Transition	1
NURS	206	Fundamentals of Nursing Concepts	8
NURS	261	Advanced Nursing Concepts I	9
NURS	282	Advanced Nursing Concepts II	8
NURS	286	Complex Nursing Concepts	9
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>			<b>35</b>

**Department of Nursing Requirements**

<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
MICR	230	Microbiology	3
CHEM	106/106L	Chemistry Survey	4

- B. The general education coursework to meet Regental System General Education Requirements (SGR), and USD Institutional Requirements (IGR) must also be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be taken at LATI if equivalent courses are available.

**General Education (SGR) Course Requirements for AS degree**

<b>SGR #</b>	<b>Prefix</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
#6 Natural Sciences	PHGY	220/220L	Human Anatomy/Physiology I with Lab	4
#6 Natural Sciences	PHGY	230/230L	Human Anatomy/Physiology II with Lab	4
#5 Mathematics	MATH	102	College Algebra	3
#3 Social Sciences	PSYC	101	General Psychology	3
#2 Oral Communications	SPCM	101	Fundamentals of Speech	3
#1 Written Communications	ENGL	101	Composition	3
#4 Humanities or Fine Arts	ENGL	210	Introduction to Literature	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>				<b>23</b>

**IV. Pathway: Forward Articulation (completing the PN Program at LATI and transferring to USD to complete the Associate of Science in Nursing)**

- A. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the PN Program, students may transfer to USD to complete the AS in Nursing. At that time, USD will accept eight (8) credits for NURS 206, Fundamentals of Nursing Concepts, by verification of completion of LATI PN program and PN License.

The following conditions must be met before credit can be awarded, the student must:

1. Have satisfactorily completed the Practical Nursing Program with earned diploma.

2. Have successfully passed NCLEX-PN and hold an unencumbered LPN license in State of South Dakota prior to final acceptance to USD's AS Nursing Program.
  3. Be unconditionally accepted to USD.
  4. Meet Department of Nursing GPA and other requirements for admission to the AS Nursing Program.
- B. General Education and Support Coursework.  
Credit for general education and other support courses will be awarded in accordance with Board of Regents policies as well as articulation Memorandum of Agreement approved by the South Dakota Board of Regents and the South Dakota Board of Education on December 14, 2004.

If in compliance with the Memorandum of Understanding, the general education courses listed below will articulate as follows:

LATI Courses		USD Courses	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
CHEM 106 Chemistry Survey	4	CHEM 106 Chemistry Survey	4
ENGL 101 Composition	3	ENGL 101 Composition	3
ENGL 210 Introduction to Literature	3	ENGL 210 Introduction to Literature	3
MATH 102 College Algebra	3	MATH 102 College Algebra	3
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3	SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3

If in compliance with the Board of Regents guidelines related to faculty qualifications and university course content, the supporting courses listed below will articulate as follows for students beginning the Associate of Science (AS) Nursing Degree Program at USD beginning fall 2017:

LATI Courses		USD Courses	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
MICR 231 General Microbiology	4	MICR 230 Basic Microbiology	3

- C. Students will complete the requirements for the AS major and any other general education or free elective requirements that remain unsatisfied.
- D. Students must meet all Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.

## V. Additional requirements

- A. Students transferring coursework from LATI must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

- B. In accordance with BOR policy 2:28, students must demonstrate satisfactory performance in writing, mathematics, reading and science reasoning as evidenced by receiving a passing score on all sections of the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Performance (CAAP) exam. In accordance with the Regental policy, Associate of Science students must take the Proficiency Examination after the completion of 32 passed credit hours or prior to graduation. Students must have completed a specified 18 credit hours of general education courses prior to taking the exam.
- C. Students must meet the Department of Nursing Requirements for Admission to the AS Nursing Program.

## **VI. Obligations**

- A. Both parties agree to confer with each other on a yearly basis regarding changes in curricula involved in this articulation agreement.
- B. Both parties agree that collaboration between USD faculty and staff and LATI faculty and staff will occur to cooperatively schedule space used for skills labs, simulation activities, and clinical experiences jointly utilized by both programs.
- C. Both parties agree to support each institution's program of study to students, faculty, and the public.
- D. USD and LATI will provide the services and facilities as hereinafter set forth.
- E. USD will provide the following:
  1. Faculty and staff used to teach and administer programming.
  2. Faculty and curriculum appropriate for the academic course offerings.
  3. Program specific skills laboratory equipment and supplies as determined by the academic program.
- F. LATI will provide the following:
  1. General information and advertising to the public concerning the availability of the program.
  2. Classrooms, laboratories, classroom computer equipment, computer internet support, and appropriate furnished office and conference space for USD faculty and staff as needed for successful programming at no charge.
  3. Use of telephone equipment, telephone and fax usage, and copier, printing and mailing costs at an agreed upon rate.
  4. Assistance and cooperation in maintaining library resources necessary to support the program.
- G. Tuition: Tuition and fees for USD courses will be paid to USD. Tuition for LATI courses will be paid to LATI.
- H. Third Party: No third party shall have the right to enforce any part of the agreement against any party of this agreement.

## **VII. Modification**

This agreement may be modified from time to time by the South Dakota Board of Regents and Lake Area Technical Institute **upon mutual agreement of the parties.**

**VIII. Incorporation of terms in master agreement**

The parties have entered into the present agreement pursuant to the agreement of December 14, 2004 between the Watertown School District on behalf of Lake Area Technical Institute and the South Dakota Board of Regents on behalf of Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, South Dakota State University, and the University of South Dakota. This agreement shall be subject to all terms and conditions stated in the December 14, 2004 agreement.

**IX. Termination**

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon one year's written notice to the other. Student(s) enrolled in the program at that time shall be allowed to complete the program.

**X. Effective Date of Agreement**

Start date of the fall 2016 term at USD and LATI.

For University of South Dakota

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Michael J. Lawler  
Dean, School of Health Sciences  
University of South Dakota

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Mary D. Nettleman  
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James W. Abbott  
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President, Lake Area Technical Institute

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Superintendent, Watertown Public School District

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Donald A. Kirkegaard  
President, South Dakota Board of Education

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)  
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SOUTHEAST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (STI)

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Agreement with Respect to Applying the  
**REGISTERED NURSE**  
**Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Program at STI**  
Towards the  
**DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**  
**Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program (RN-BSN Track) at USD**

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**III. Academic Program**

RN-BSN Nursing Core Requirements:	27
Non-Departmental Requirements:	16
RN-BSN Departmental Requirements	7
General Education Requirements:	35
<u>AS in Nursing Block Credits</u>	<u>35</u>
<b>Total credits required:</b>	<b>120</b>



A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the major in Nursing are outlined below.

### Nursing (RN-BSN) Requirements

Prefix	Number	Title	Credits
NURS	342	Information Management & Technology Application	3 (3,0)
NURS	350	Research & Evidence Based Practice	3 (3,0)
NURS	362	Leadership & Professionalism	4 (4,0)
NURS	382 <sup>1</sup>	Nursing Practice in a Global Society	3 (3,0)
NURS	450	Baccalaureate Nursing Roles Synthesis	4 (2,2)
NURS	476	Optimizing Health of Populations	3 (3,1)
NURS	485	Designer, Coordinator, & Manager of Care Capstone Practicum	4 (2,2)
NURS	487	Health Care Policy, Finance, & Regulatory Environment	3 (3,0)
<b>Non-Departmental Requirements:</b>			
STAT	281	Introduction to Statistics	16*
PHIL	320	Professional Ethics	
		10 credits advisor approved electives <sup>2</sup>	
<b>Total Major Credit Hours</b>			<b>43</b>

<sup>1</sup> Satisfies the Regental requirement for Globalization.

<sup>2</sup> Advisor approved electives – 3 credits must meet writing intensive requirement.

### Department Requirements

<b>Departmental Requirements</b>	MICR 230 Microbiology CHEM 106/106L Chemistry Survey	7
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### AS in Nursing Credits

Total AS Credits	<b>35*</b>
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\*ASN degree credits and 7 elective credits included in block credits

B. The general education coursework to meet Regental System General Education Requirements (SGR) and USD Institutional Requirements (IGR) must also be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be taken at STI if equivalent courses are available\*.

### General Education (SGR and IGR) Course Requirements

<b>Written Communication and Literacy Skills</b>	ENGL 101 Composition	3
	ENGL 201 Composition II	3
<b>Oral Communication</b>	SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3
<b>Social Sciences</b>	PSYC 101 General Psychology	3
	Social Science Elective	3
<b>Humanities or Fine Arts</b>	Humanities and Fine Arts	3
<b>Mathematics</b>	MATH 102 College Algebra or higher	3
<b>Natural Sciences</b>	PHGY 220 Human Anatomy/Physiology I	8
	PHGY 230 Human Anatomy/Physiology II	
<b>IGR 1: Additional Composition</b>	ENGL 210 Introduction to Literature	3
<b>IGR 2: Aesthetic Experience</b>	Fine Art Requirement	3
<b>Total General Education Credit</b>		<b>35</b>

IV. Pathway: Forward Articulation (completing the AAS in Nursing at STI and transferring to USD to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing)

- A. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AAS in Nursing, students may transfer to USD to complete the BSN in Nursing. At that time, USD will accept a block of 35 technical course credits from the AAS degree in Nursing. Prior to transferring to USD, students must successfully complete the AAS degree in Nursing from STI and hold an unencumbered RN license. In addition to the 35 technical course block credits accepted, transferrable general education coursework will also be accepted.
- B. Students will complete the requirements for the BSN major and any other general education or free elective requirements that remain unsatisfied.
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